

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND LABOR

Call to Order: Chair Mark Noland, on February 21, 2017 at 8:30 A.M., in Room 172
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Mark Noland, Chair (R)
Rep. Amanda Curtis, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Vince Ricci, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Fred Anderson (R)
Rep. Willis Curdy (D)
Rep. Ross H. Fitzgerald (R)
Rep. Moffie Funk (D)
Rep. Bruce Grubbs (R)
Rep. Steve Gunderson (R)
Rep. Denley M. Loge (R)
Rep. Andrea Olsen (D)
Rep. Adam Rosendale (R)
Rep. Casey Schreiner (D)
Rep. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D)
Rep. Jeremy Trebas (R)
Rep. Sue Vinton (R)
Rep. Daniel Zolnikov (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Gordon Pierson Jr (D)
Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Karen Armstrong, Committee Secretary
Pat Murdo, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 428, 2/15/2017; HB 462, 2/15/2017: HB 496, 2/17/2017
HB 506, 2/17/2017, SB 108, 1162017

HEARING ON SB 108

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:21 Sen. Gordon Vance (R), SD 34, opened the hearing on SB 108, Prohibit enforcement of a right of first refusal in auto franchise contracts.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:19 Bruce Knudsen, Montana Automobile Dealers Association (MTADA)
00:05:47 Don Kaltschmidt, Montana Automobile Dealers Association (MTADA)
00:09:51 Bill Underriner, National Automobile Dealers Association (NADA)
00:12:55 Rep. Pierson joined the meeting.
00:14:03 Jim Sewell, Montana Automobile Dealers Association (MTADA)

EXHIBIT(buh38a01)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:25:34 Mona Jamison, General Motors (GM)

EXHIBIT(buh38a02)

00:38:36 John MacDonald, Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:48:38 Rep. Ricci
00:49:19 Bill Underriner, NADA
00:49:49 Rep. Vinton
00:52:18 John MacDonald, Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers
00:52:49 Rep. Pierson
00:54:01 Bruce Knudsen, MTADA
00:54:12 Rep. Gunderson
00:54:57 Don Kaltschmidt, MTADA
00:56:41 Rep. Trebas
00:59:20 John MacDonald, Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers
01:01:51 Chair Noland
01:02:39 Bruce Knudsen, MTADA
01:03:43 John MacDonald, Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers
01:05:08 Chair Noland
01:05:29 Don Kaltschmidt, MTADA

Closing by Sponsor:

01:07:57 Sen. Vance

HEARING ON HB 428

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:11:40 Rep. Donald Jones (R), HD 46, opened the hearing on HB 428, Revise laws for retail beer license lottery.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:15:03 John Iverson, Montana Tavern Association, (MTA)
01:19:19 Brad Griffin, Montana Restaurant Association (MTRA)
01:20:01 Neil Peterson, Gaming industry Association (GIA)

Opponents' Testimony: None**Informational Testimony:**

01:20:51 Shauna Helfert, Department of Revenue (DOR)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:21:55 Rep. Ricci
01:22:21 John Iverson, MTA
01:23:05 Rep. Curdy
01:23:12 John Iverson, MTA
01:23:40 Rep. Loge
01:24:03 John Iverson, MTA
01:24:35 Rep. Rosendale
01:24:48 John Iverson, MTA

Closing by Sponsor:

01:25:01 Rep. Jones

HEARING ON HB 462**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:27:11 Rep. Frank Garner (R), HD 7, opened the hearing on HB 462, Alcohol licenses for community colleges and MUS units for educational purposes.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:30:00 Jane Karas, Flathead Valley Community College (FVCC)
01:32:20 John Cech, Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education
01:32:56 Shauna Helfert, Department of Revenue (DOR)
01:33:41 Ed Bartlett, Flathead Valley Community College, Dawson Community College, Miles Community College
01:34:12 Shane Scanlon, Kalispell Chamber of Commerce
01:34:47 Brian Smith, Blackfoot River Brewing

Opponents' Testimony:

01:36:01 John Iverson, Montana Tavern Association (MTA)

[EXHIBIT\(buh38a03\)](#)

01:40:25 Brad Griffin, Montana Restaurant Association (MTRA)
01:42:05 Neil Peterson, Gaming Industry Association (GIA)
01:44:30 Kristy Blazer, Montana Beer and Wine Distributors Association

Informational Testimony:

01:45:47 Andy Bixler, Montana Associated Students (MAS)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:46:12 Rep. Curtis

01:46:33 Andy Bixler, MAS
 01:47:53 Rep. Loge
 01:49:16 Jane Karas, FVCC
 01:49:30 Rep. Stewart-Peregoy
 01:50:36 Jane Karas, FVCC
 01:51:04 Rep. Stewart-Peregoy
 01:51:22 John Iverson, MTA
 01:51:55 Rep. Stewart-Peregoy
 01:52:22 Rep. Rosendale
 01:53:17 Rep. Garner
 01:54:07 Rep. Pierson
 01:54:26 Jane Karas, FVCC
 01:54:32 Chair Noland left the meeting and Vice Chair Ricci assumed the chair
 01:54:39 Rep. Trebas
 01:55:38 Shauna Helfert, DOR
 01:55:51 Rep. Gunderson
 01:58:21 Jane Karas, FVCC
 01:58:30 Chair Ricci
 01:59:20 John Iverson, MTA
 01:59:57 Chair Ricci

Closing by Sponsor:

02:00:00 Rep. Garner

HEARING ON HB 506

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

02:03:00 Rep. Jeremy Trebas (R), HD 25, opened the hearing on HB 506, Allow certain card transaction fees.

Proponents' Testimony:

02:05:20 Brian Thompson, Montana Collectors Association
 02:06:58 Mike Moore, Montana Collectors Association
 02:08:37 Chair Noland joined the meeting.
 02:15:33 Nathan Fluter, Collection Bureau Service of Missoula
 02:17:11 Mark Nash, Montana Collectors Association
 02:18:27 Melody Mathie, CB1, Inc.

Opponents' Testimony:

02:23:38 Carin McClain, Montana's Credit Unions
 02:25:04 Jim Brown, Montana Independent Bankers Association (MIBA)

EXHIBIT(buh38a04)

02:29:24 Steve Turkiewicz, Montana Bankers Association (MBA)

Informational Testimony:

02:32:23 Ronda Wiggers, Montana County Treasurers Association

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:32:57 Rep. Gunderson

02:35:54 Jim Brown, MIBA
 02:36:30 Rep. Pierson
 02:36:48 Rep. Trebas
 02:37:12 Chair Noland resumed the chair.
 02:37:26 Jim Brown, MIBA
 02:37:57 Rep. Ricci
 02:39:44 Melody Mathie, CB1, Inc.
 02:40:06 Rep. Schreiner joined the meeting.
 02:40:17 Rep. Ricci
 02:40:25 Melody Mathie, CB1, Inc.

Closing by Sponsor:

02:40:43 Rep. Trebas

HEARING ON HB 496

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

02:42:10 Rep. Vince Ricci (R), HD 55, opened the hearing on HB 496, Exempt seasonal outdoor recreation providers' employees from certain labor laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

02:43:35 Jean Johnson, Montana Outfitters and Guides Association (MOGA)

[EXHIBIT\(buh38a05\)](#)

02:47:21 Tyler Moss, MOGA

[EXHIBIT\(buh38a06\)](#)

02:50:52 Mac Minard, MOGA

[EXHIBIT\(buh38a07\)](#)

02:53:32 Pam Gosink, Montana Dude Ranchers Association

[EXHIBIT\(buh38a08\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(buh38a09\)](#)

02:58:18 Charlotte Lauerman, Montana Lodging and Hospitality Association

Opponents' Testimony:

02:59:02 Chris Cavazos, AFL-CIO

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

03:01:53 Rep. Pierson
 03:02:12 Pam Gosink
 03:02:28 Rep. Pierson
 03:02:48 Chris Cavazos, AFL-CIO
 03:03:12 Rep. Vinton
 03:04:02 Rep. Ricci
 03:04:30 Rep. Rosendale
 03:05:22 Pam Gosink, Montana Dude Ranchers Association

03:05:52 Rep. Schreiner
03:07:40 Jean Johnson, MOGA
03:07:54 Tyler Moss, MOGA
03:08:54 Rep. Trebas
03:09:33 Rep. Ricci
03:10:08 Rep. Trebas
03:10:31 Chris Cavazos, AFL-CIO
03:10:43 Rep. Curdy
03:13:29 Jean Johnson, MOGA
03:14:44 Rep. Fitzgerald
03:15:25 Jean Johnson, MOGA

Closing by Sponsor:

03:16:21 Rep. Ricci

03:17:52 Chair Noland
03:17:56 Pat Murdo, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 03:18:24

Karen Armstrong, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([buh38aad.pdf](#))